

### REMARKS

The present U.S. patent application has received a notice of allowance. Applicants have amended the above-referenced paragraph to correct certain typographical errors. Specifically, in the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 19, reference numeral 12 for the optical fiber in line 21 has been replaced with reference numeral 16, because the Specification and Fig. 1 as originally filed used reference numeral 12 for both the optical fiber and an etalon. A corresponding revision has been made to Fig. 1.

Similarly, in the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 21, reference numeral 13 for the receiver in lines 21 and 23 has been replaced with reference numeral 17, because the Specification as originally filed used reference numeral 13 for both a photodetector and the receiver, while Fig. 1 as originally submitted identifies the photodetector with reference numeral 13 and the receiver with reference numeral 17.

Finally, in the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25, reference numeral 27 for the channel in line 6 on page 4 has been replaced with reference numeral 28, since reference numeral 27 is used for a collimating lens (see, e.g., Fig. 2 and Specification page 3, line 32), and reference numeral 28 is used as a reference numeral for this channel previously in the Specification (see, e.g., Fig. 2 and Specification page 4, line 6).

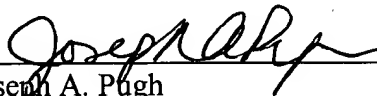
### CONCLUSION

The amendments to the Specification submitted herewith were made to correct typographical errors, and no new matter has been added. Therefore, the present U.S. patent application remains condition for allowance and such action is respectfully

solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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